

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Jack Troyer  
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Dear Mr. Troyer:

We write with regard to the Forest Service Intermountain Region's recently issued decision paper discussing the possible relocation of the Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) Supervisor's Office from Jackson to Pinedale, Afton or Alpine.

We understand that the Forest Service is at a preliminary stage of considering all relocation options, including keeping the Supervisor's office at its current site in Jackson. In addition, we applaud the agency's efforts toward fiscal discipline and to ensure Forest Service employees have access to affordable housing within the communities in which they work.

This proposal, however, is of critical importance not only to your agency and its employees, but to all of the surrounding communities served by your office. Several community leaders in Jackson have already registered their concerns about the possible move. In addition, Alpine, Afton and Pinedale are all experiencing their own growing pains, including sharp increases in real estate prices. Relocation to any of these areas would bring unique challenges to the Forest Service.

With all this in mind, we strongly urge you to immediately gather local input on this proposal. Specifically, we request that you host, in the near future, public meetings including local stakeholders such as county commissioners, Chambers of Commerce members, mayors, and other interested citizens in each of the surrounding communities that could be affected. Discussions with other federal agencies that work routinely with the Forest Service would also be beneficial. This outreach would help ensure that the Forest Service gathers all the pertinent information necessary to make a sound decision.

We appreciate your consideration of this recommendation and look forward to your response.

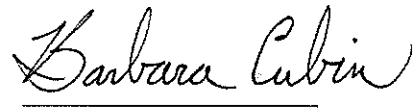
Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi  
United States Senator



John Barrasso  
United States Senator



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Cc: Chief Gail Kimbell, USDA Forest Service  
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